



# **LifeGroup Discussion Packet**

**One Nation Under God**

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## Main Idea:

Freedom is a gift from God, sacrifice is the language of love, and followers of Jesus are called to shine the light of Christ in a dark and divided world..

## Key Verse:

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.” Matthew 5:14

## Warm-Up Question:

When you think about America at its best, what comes to mind? A person, a moment in history, a family memory, a sacrifice, or an act of kindness?

## Discussion Questions

1. Remember the Gift

Read Psalm 24:1 and Proverbs 19:21. The message opened with the Apollo 8 astronauts reading from Genesis while orbiting the moon during a difficult and divided year in American history. Why do you think it is important for people, families, churches, and nations to “look up” and remember that God is still sovereign?

2. Read Psalm 33:12 and Proverbs 14:34.

The message reminded us that freedom is not just national history but also a spiritual responsibility. What are some ways we can steward our freedom well as followers of Jesus?

3. The message said, “*Freedom is not just something we celebrate once a year. Freedom is something we steward every day.*”

How can Christians use their freedom to pray, serve, invite, welcome, and lift up the name of Jesus in our community?

4. Honor the Sacrifice

Read John 15:13 and Romans 5:8. Why is sacrifice such a powerful expression of love? How does the sacrifice of Jesus help us understand all other forms of sacrifice?

5. The message pointed to moments like Lexington, Gettysburg, Pearl Harbor, Normandy, and September 11th as reminders that freedom has always been expensive.  
How should remembering sacrifice shape our gratitude, humility, and service today?
  
6. Read Hebrews 13:16 and 1 John 3:16-18.  
The story of Michelle Schmitt, Sharon Stevens, and the community that came together during the 1994 snowstorm reminds us that ordinary people can make an extraordinary difference. Where have you seen people love *“in deed and in truth”* instead of just words?
  
7. Shine the Light  
Read Matthew 5:14-16 and John 1:5. What does it mean for believers to shine the light of Christ in a culture where many people feel anxious, divided, or hopeless?
  
8. Read 1 Kings 18:21 and James 5:17.  
Elijah lived in a spiritually confused time, but he prayed, stood, and called people back to God. What encourages you about the fact that *“Elijah was a man with a nature like ours”*? Where might God be calling you to stand with faith?
  
9. Read 2 Chronicles 7:14 and Acts 1:8.  
The message reminded us that revival does not begin when everyone else gets serious. Revival begins when God’s people get serious. What would it look like for us to humble ourselves, pray, seek God’s face, turn from sin, and become faithful witnesses?

## Going Deeper

The message challenged Compass Church to see Celebrate America as more than a fireworks show, a drone show, or a patriotic event. It is a God-given opportunity to help people encounter the hope of Jesus.

Where do you sense God inviting you to stop carrying adversity as a weight and start trusting Him to use it as a wing?

## **Next Step**

This week, choose one practical way to shine the light of Christ.

- Invite someone to Celebrate America.
- Pray daily for people who are far from God.
- Serve with joy and humility.
- Encourage a veteran, first responder, or someone carrying a heavy burden.
- Look for someone who needs hope, and point them toward Jesus.

As we celebrate freedom, let's remember the greatest freedom of all is found in Christ. And as thousands gather in Monterey County, let's be ready to shine.